

## News of the Week Among Women

Why Not a Feminine Plattsburg?  
Asks First National Service  
School. The Answer Is, YesNew York Tribune  
Washington Bureau

By Hannah Mitchell

WASHINGTON, May 10. —Now that the war is over women and girls are planning to try camp life themselves. Training camps for women are under consideration throughout the country. The old idea of "camping out" with leaky tents and other annoyances is out of date. A new kind of camping has come in that includes pleasant living conditions and specialized training of one sort and another.

The First National Service School, Inc., of Washington, is a pioneer in the new camping. Its experience in training women for outdoor life will probably make it the "Plattsburg" of women's camps in this country. The fourth encampment will be held this summer on the government reservation just out of Washington.

Reconstruction is the trend of the new courses of study offered by the school. Community service has been added to the curriculum with the purpose of training women to be leaders in the line of work they may choose in their home communities. Democratization and Americanization are the long words applied to the study of simple, healthful ways of living taught in the camp life.

Outing and  
Schooling Together

The three weeks of the encampment will be held from June 15 to July 5. An outing and at the same

years of the country's history. "Service and obedience" are taught, so that the women will know how to take part as "privates" in camp life.

"The organized war energy of American woman power must be converted into constructive peace-time energy," says Miss Poe. "Of course, if the emergency arose again the women would spring to their knitting needles and their surgical dressings without training. But time would be lost in getting the woman power together again. And how much better to have an organization that will be ready to meet peace emergencies and war emergencies alike!"

Girls Attend From  
Forty-four States

Girls from forty-four states attended the school last year. More than four thousand have been graduated during the time the school has been in existence. Records have been made of the work these young women did after leaving the school, and practically all of them had active and official parts in war service. Many of them were fit for overseas service and were sent abroad by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

An especial appeal has been made to school teachers to attend the fourth encampment. Arrangements have been made with George Washington University for courses of study, and one semester hour's credit will be granted for the work in any course.

The courses of study are: 1, Agriculture and home gardening; 2, domestic science and household arts; 3, reconstruction crafts, such as toy-



The Salvation Army Women's Committee and Colonel William A. McIntyre

## Dollars for Doughnuts This Week

WOMEN prominent in society and philanthropic circles in New York City have been appointed by General Cornelius Vanderbilt, chairman of the Greater New York Committee, members of a woman's committee to assist in the Salvation Army Home Service Fund campaign for \$13,000,000 the week of May 19 to 26. Mrs. F. Gray Griswold is chairman and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman vice-chairman.

The other women on the committee are Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. Nicholas Brady, Mrs. H. Gloucester Armstrong, Miss Dorothy El-dred, Mrs. Frederick W. Dalziel, Mrs. Paul Forrester, Mrs. P. Pennington, Mrs. Mary Hatch Willard, Mrs. William A. Campbell, Mrs. Orme Wilson, Jr., Mrs. Whitney Warren, Mrs. Henry C. Phipps, Mrs. Charles L. Hoffman, Mrs. Edmund L. Baylis, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. Andrew

Carnegie, Mrs. Francis K. Pendleton, Mrs. Walter Maynard, Mrs. G. F. Baker, Jr., Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. John Purroy Mitchell, Mrs. Austen Gray, Mrs. George Leary, Mrs. Reginald Finck, Mrs. Charles Bentley, Mrs. Sidney Borg, Miss Margaret Wheeler, Mrs. Frederick Lewisohn, Mrs. William Greenough, Mrs. John R. Drexel and Mrs. George D. Pratt.

The doughnut will be the theme of the work of the women's committee. Mrs. J. Borden Harriman heads the doughnut committee. From the steps of the Treasury Building in Wall Street each day she will sell doughnuts, aided by members of the Junior League and other young women. Commander Evangeline Booth will also be a doughnut salesman. From 12 until 2 o'clock each day doughnuts will be auctioned off. Floats will be stationed in Wall Street, at

Times Square, Herald Square and other important centres, upon which will be placed cook stoves and Salvation Army lassies who will fry "doughnuts à la Pershing" for the contributing public.

Society girls will don bonnets, Salvation Army fashion, and will sell doughnuts in the hotels, railroad stations and other places. Mrs. P. Pennington is chairman of the speakers' committee, which will provide generals of the United States Army, admirals of the navy, doughboys and other notables to address crowds all over the city. Mrs. Nicholas Brady will take charge of raising funds in the motion picture houses. Booths will be established in the banks and trust companies. Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, who holds a record as a Liberty bond saleswoman, having had charge of the bond selling for various national organizations, will

be at a booth in the Hudson Trust Company from 9 until 3 o'clock each day.

At the women's headquarters, 680 Fifth Avenue, Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. J. M. H. Marshall, assistant campaign manager, Mrs. Pennington and other officials are to work daily. Volunteers for various kinds of work report to them.

The women will provide practically all of the campaign stunts in the city, in which the doughnut will play the leading role.

Workers will wear Salvation Army bands and will be equipped with special collection boxes. The women hope to take in the largest subscription of any team of workers. Many of the women are postponing the opening of their country places for another week, in order to help the Salvation Army May 19 to 26. They will meet daily during the campaign for luncheon and to report the amount of their collections.

Girl Scouts on Dress Parade in  
Washington Entertain British  
Leaders of the MovementNew York Tribune  
Washington Bureau

GIRL SCOUTS in Washington have been on dress parade this week, entertaining Sir Robert Baden-Powell and Lady Powell and Mrs. Juliette Low. Sir Robert was the originator of the Girl Scout movement in England, where the members are called Girl Guides. Mrs. Low is the president of the Girl Scouts of America and was the pioneer of their work in this country.

Although the visitors had their time in Washington well filled with dinner and lunch and banquet invitations, the Scouts have given valuable entertainment in showing the condition of their organization. Wednesday they presented a pageant of their activities.

The first scene of the pageant represented the beginning of the movement, based upon the saying of Sir Robert Baden-Powell after he had organized the Boy Scouts:

"Give the girls an organization, but don't make tomboys of them."

Girl Guides of England appeared in the second scene, with their work in the English Land Army. Then followed some American tableaux: Camping; activities, that is the duties the Girl Scouts perform to win their badges; a May dance and chorus singing. One scene of the pageant was devoted to the Girl Scout in Rumania who went to war as a soldier and was killed in battle.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell and Lady Powell and Mrs. Juliette Low left Washington on Friday for New York. Sir Robert will speak in Carnegie Hall this afternoon and then leave for a tour of the country inspecting Girl Scout units.

Since the first Girl Scouts were organized in Savannah, Ga., in 1913, the organization has grown until it numbers more than 100,000 girls. This does not include the junior scouts, called "Brownies," who want to be scouts and cannot belong to the "big girls' units. Girl Scouts are from ten years old up. Officers must be more than sixteen years

old. Brownies are from five to ten years old.

In the first encampments of the Girl Scouts feminine vanities received a blow. No powder puffs or curling irons were allowed in camp. Mirrors were forbidden, although it is said that a few were sneaked in and kept hidden. It was the effort of the leaders to recruit their membership from all classes of girls and make girls learn to judge one another from real qualities.

"There are no 'little ladies' in our camps," said Mrs. E. M. Coleman, director of the Washington Girl Scouts, "every girl is judged by the kind of Scout she is."

"Wholesome living, simplicity, how to do with few things, are part of our aim. We have the girls give tableaux and pageants without paraphernalia. They should be unselfish and when gifts of candy or cake come into camp the Scout who receives them turns them over to the general supply. Chewing gum is taboo."

"The Girl Scout directors have tried to kill other hampering traditions of childhood. To take the fear of Nature away is one of the aims of camp life. Every Scout must learn not to be afraid of the dark. And you will never see a true Girl Scout jump and scream over a snake or a thousand-legged worm."

The first national training school for Girl Scout leaders will be held in Boston this summer, from June 23 to July 14. The camp is open to all Girl Scout officers and to girls intending to become affiliated with Girl Scout work.

Instruction at the training camp will be given in campcraft, camp management, camp cooking, map and route making, nature lore, swimming, rowing, paddling, pine tree patrol, signalling, military drill, games, English folk dancing, marksmanship, group psychology.

The camp schedule has been planned as follows: Six o'clock, reveille; 6:15, calisthenics; 7, breakfast; 8, inspection; 8:30, drill; 9, patrol instruction; 11, swim; 12, dinner; 1, rest; 2, instruction; 4, free time; 6, supper; 7:30, camp fire; 9, retire; 9:30, taps.

## Club News and Announcements

The Daughters of Indiana, Miss Mary Garrett Hay, president, will have a meeting and picnic party tomorrow at Prospect Park, in the Pavilion.

City Gardens  
Club

The City Gardens Club has sent out the following appeal: "The time of gardens is again here. All are longing for green spaces where they can draw a breath. Why not have a garden in your backyard?"

"Do you know that trees, shrubs, plants and grass spray out moisture into the air, thereby reducing dust and dryness, and that infant mortality is always less where trees and verdure exist?"

"Magnolias and other small trees grow well in city yards. Health comes also from working out of doors."

"If those now having city backyards would write to your paper and tell what they mean to them it would encourage others to begin. Vegetables will grow as well as plants, but strive for beauty in all."

"Will you help in removing ugly conditions?"

"If possible, will you replace the high board fence by an iron grill, which will allow a circulation of air?"

"In Cleveland, Baltimore and a portion of Chicago this movement has been successful."

"Why not in New York?"

Miss Frances Peters, chairman, 50 West Sixty-seventh Street, New York City.

Chapter Meeting  
D. A. R.

The Ellen Hardin Walworth Chapter, D. A. R., Mrs. Harvey Tyson White regent, held its last meeting of the season at Hotel McAlpin, last Monday.

League of  
Advertising Women

At the annual meeting of the New York League of Advertising Women, held last Monday, the following officers were elected:

President, Miss Jane J. Martin, advertising manager Sperry & Hut-

chinson Company; vice-president, Miss Minna Hall Simmons, advertising manager John Campbell & Co. (dyestuffs); treasurer, Miss Edith V. Richter, the J. Walter Thompson Company; secretary, Miss Teresa Jackson, the Murray-Howe Company.

Among Republican  
Women

Organizing the women of the Republican party has begun methodically and the country has been divided into seven regional districts or groups of states for better working purposes. At the head of each district is a chairman familiar with her own particular section, who is also a member of the Women's Republican National Executive Committee.

In all these districts organization has been commenced and the state chairmen are being rapidly appointed. It is expected that all state chairmen will have been appointed by the time the conference which will be held in Washington on May 22 and 23, under the auspices of the Women's Republican National Executive Committee, convenes.

National League  
for Woman's Service

The National League for Woman's Service began its tenth class in occupational therapy training for volunteer workers last Thursday. So far about 125 volunteer women have been trained through these classes, and are now attached to various military and civilian hospitals, where they are giving from three to twelve hours a week to teaching the patients useful crafts and helping fill their convalescent hours with interest.

"We hear complaints from all sides that women have nothing to do now that the war is over," said Miss Collins. "There is an unlimited amount of work awaiting them in the hospitals. The National League for Woman's Service cannot train workers fast enough to fill the demands we have from the hospitals. The several hours a week a volunteer gives in aiding the sick surely bring results. Some of our workers have helped noticeably in

developing more quickly the cure of patients through the teaching of these simple crafts which give cheerful occupation to the mind and hands of the invalid."

The league has announced that other classes will be formed by Miss Collins should there be a demand for them. Women who are interested in occupational therapy or in joining the classes should apply for further information at the headquarters of the National League for Woman's Service, 257 Madison Avenue.

Long Island  
Gardens

The Park Garden Club of Flushing, Long Island, which has come into much prominence on account of its food production, food conservation and allied activities during America's part in the war, is about to celebrate its fifth anniversary.

Started by Mrs. John W. Paris, still its president, as a neighborhood club of thirty, for the sole purpose of growing better flowers and stimulating interest in civic beauty, it has grown both in numbers and scope of work.

It has given seven flower shows in four years, including two large War Garden exhibits.

It arranged in the spring of 1917 for all the vacant ground available for gardens, found the people eager for space and secured instructors from our State School of Agriculture, at Farmingdale, for a free course in vegetable growing. It gave, through government experts, public demonstrations of the new cold-pack canning, and its members opened and maintained all that summer a public canning kitchen. It originated the Flushing Home Gardens Committee, which, under the direction of Miss Eliza Willets, is still carrying on the community garden work.

A little quarterly bulletin, under the editorship of Mrs. H. A. Vivian, herself a writer, will make its initial appearance to-morrow, when the club will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a luncheon and garden party. Garden Club presidents and representatives from the various organizations in this section

are to be present, as well as many of the prominent people who have contributed to its splendid success.

Women's Association of  
Commerce of U. S. A.

Miss Florence King, president of the Women's Association of Commerce of the United States of America, has returned to Chicago from this city, where she has been in conference with the National Business Women's Committee to complete arrangements for a joint convention of the two organizations at St. Louis on July 14 to 18 inclusive.

"We feel that this joint convention will result in bringing the highest type of business and professional women into a national federation of business women," said Miss King, whose organization has already held two annual conventions. "The Women's Association of Commerce of the United States of America will cooperate to the fullest extent with the National Business Women's Committee, of which Miss Maude E. Smith, of Portsmouth, N. H., is chairman. We expect to hold another conference in June, probably in Buffalo, N. Y., at which time we will arrange for a joint programme for the convention."

Other organizations of business women, such as the Altrusa clubs and the Y. W. C. A. business women's clubs, are planning to send delegates to this convention, which will mark the beginning of a new and most responsible era for business and professional women of this country.

For the benefit of the headquarters fund the Congress of States Societies will give a card party on Thursday, May 23, at 2 p. m. at the Hotel Astor. It will be in charge of a large committee.

Mrs. Thomas J. Vivian is president of the organization and Mrs. Charles D. Hirst is the corresponding secretary.

The postponed annual luncheon of the National Californian Club will positively be held on Tuesday, at the Hotel Commodore. There will be a reception at 12:30, the luncheon to be served promptly at 1:15 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Bee-thoven Society, Mme. Aida Tannini-Tagliavia president, has been postponed to Friday, May 23, at 3 p. m., at the Plaza Hotel, when the annual reports will be made and the election of officers will take place. Mrs. J. A. Lawrence is chairman of the nominating committee.

## In National Affairs

Instructions have been issued by the Surgeon General to decentralize the work connected with the demobilization of members of the Army Nurse Corps. The nurses are to be ordered to their homes for discharge or relief from active service, and are allowed \$4 a day for travelling expenses. Accrued leave of absence with pay is granted to those who are entitled to it, upon the expiration of which they are discharged or relieved from active service.

Prior to departure from her station the nurse will sign the final payroll, and her pay check will be sent her. All nurses whose services are terminated should notify the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of the date of their discharge or relief from service. Thereafter, nurses should forward payments on their war risk insurance policy to the War Risk Insurance Bureau direct, and notify the Director of Finance to terminate allotments.

Miss Alice Deal, president of the High School Teachers' Union in Washington, is a candidate for the school board at the coming election, June 30. Miss Deal's candidacy is partly the result of the recent clash between the Board of Education and the teachers' unions over the suspension without pay of Miss Alice Wood, a teacher in Central High School, for "handling economic and social subjects." Miss Wood was disciplined by the board, so the unions alleged, without a hearing.

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will meet in Washington May 22 and 23, under the auspices of the Republican Women's National Executive Committee, of which Mrs. Medill McCormick is chairman. It will be the first joint committee meeting since the women's committee was created to work with the Republican National Committee. A banquet, at which Mrs. McCormick will preside, will be given on the evening of May 22. Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, will be the principal speaker.

International problems of the working woman will be one of the subjects of discussion at the annual convention of the National Women's Trade Union League in Philadelphia the first week in June. Miss Mary Anderson and Miss Rose Schneidermann, delegates sent by the National Women's Trade Union League to Paris to confer with the delegates to the peace conference in behalf of the women workers of America, will return to this country shortly before that time, and will make a report to the convention.

British working women will have a delegate at the conference in the person of Miss Mary McArthur, secretary of the British Women's Trade Union League, who has already arrived in this country. In private life Miss McArthur is the widow of the late W. C. Anderson, labor member of Parliament, and was herself a candidate at the last general election.

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## Women Debate on Legislation

Woman suffrage is so nearly won that the National American Woman Suffrage Association has turned its attention to other legislation. Discussion and debate are being carried on every Monday night at the Washington headquarters of the association by men who are known to be interested in the matters under discussion and whose opinions are at variance.

"The purpose of the conferences," it is stated by the Washington headquarters of the suffrage association, "is a study of legislation proposed for the next session of Congress."

The next programme of the series will be on labor. The labor pro-

gramme is scheduled for May 19.

Mrs. Maud Wood Park, who has had entire charge of the Congressional lobby of the National American Woman Suffrage Association for the last two years, is presiding at the reconstruction conferences held at the Washington headquarters.

Her policy as given out by Mrs. Park is:

"Don't tell all you know."  
"Don't tell anything you do not know."

"Don't repeat even a small thing told you in confidence."

"Don't lose your temper."

"Don't nag."

"Don't give up."